

ZOOKEEPER I

PURPOSE: Provide daily care to animal collection, perform routine maintenance of exhibits, buildings, and grounds, and provide courteous assistance to the public.

FUNCTIONAL AREAS Under direction:

1. Provide care for assigned zoo animals.
 - * A. Prepare food and recommend diets and feeding schedules.
 - * B. Perform the feeding, watering, raising, training, capturing, containing, and moving of animals.
 - * C. Perform cleaning of animal exhibits, cages, displays, and adjacent areas on a scheduled basis and as needed.
 - * D. Monitor, observe, and record animal data to determine health/illness.
 - * E. Provide treatment and medication to sick animals according to standard procedures and/or veterinarian orders.
 - * F. Inspect animal areas for security and safety for animals, staff, and the general public.
2. Perform routine maintenance to buildings, property, grounds, and equipment.
 - A. Perform cleaning, maintenance, and routine repairs to building interiors and exteriors, other property, and equipment.
 - * B. Perform construction and/or maintenance of displays, exhibits, and cages.
 - C. Maintain grounds, including lawns, trees, ornamental plants, sidewalks, roads, ditches, and creek beds.
 - D. Perform water quality tests, analyze results, and correct problems.
3. Perform other related duties as assigned.
 - * A. Secure buildings, grounds, and cages.
 - * B. Inventory, prepare orders, and purchase routine supplies and equipment, as instructed.
 - * C. Serve as leadworker to permanent and temporary employees and others.
 - * D. Provide information and assistance to the public in a courteous manner.
 - * E. Perform record-keeping activities including logbooks, diet notebooks, daily reports, animal health records, and other required reports.
 - * F. Determine necessary food supplies and prepare orders to purchase supplies.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Education & Experience Requirements:

- ◆ One (1) year of verifiable education and/or experience in the care and feeding of a variety of exotic animals.

License Requirements:

- ◆ Possession of a Minnesota Class “D” driver’s license or privilege upon appointment and thereafter.

Knowledge Requirements:

- ◆ A. Basic knowledge of the habits and dietary needs of a variety of animals.
- ◆ B. Basic knowledge of sanitary, humane, and safe procedures for keeping and displaying animals.
- ◆ C. Basic knowledge of common animal ailments, and the ability to recognize those ailments.

Ability Requirements:

- A. Ability to perform routine maintenance on buildings, properties, displays, equipment and grounds.
- ◆ B. Ability to operate zoo vehicles such as pick-up truck, Cushman, and zoomobile.
- C. Ability to operate hand and power tools and motorized equipment such as lawnmowers and snowblowers.
- ◆ D. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- ◆ E. Ability to recognize safety hazards and to apply proper safety precautions.
- ◆ F. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, co-workers, volunteers, and the general public.
- ◆ G. Ability to work outdoors year round.
- ◆ H. Ability to frequently walk, climb, balance, stoop, talk and hear as necessary to carry out work assignments.
- ◆ I. Ability to lift and carry animals, equipment and supplies such as feed bags weighing up to 100 pounds.
- ◆ J. Ability to work varied schedules including weekends and some holidays.
- K. Ability to perform water quality tests and to analyze the results.
- * Essential functions of the job
- ◆ Job requirements necessary on the first day of employment

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